

# ABSTRACT

An ink wastage absorber is made from a flexible  
5 polyurethane foam having an air-permeability of 1.0  
cc/cm<sup>2</sup>/sec or more, or is made from a flexible polyurethane  
foam produced by using a foamable raw material containing a  
polyol, an isocyanate, a catalyst, and a foaming agent,  
wherein the polyurethane foam is impregnated with a surface  
10 active agent. An ink supporter includes an ink permeation  
member provided at a portion corresponding to a printer head  
and an ink absorbing member being in contact with the ink  
permeation member.